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SUBJECT: MAC MEETING AUGUST 28

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1. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED EXACT TEXT OF NK STATEMENTS.
BASED ON INITIAL REPORTS FROM MAC MEETING, FOLLOWING ARE
MY INITIAL REACTIONS:

A) NK HAS REITERATED IN MORE CLEARCUT TERMS ASSURANCES ON
SAFETY OF UNC, AND LINKED THESE ASSURANCES SPECIFICALLY TO
NK PROPOSAL. THEY STATED THAT THEY "WILL ASSURE THE SAFETY
OF THE SECURITY PERSONNEL IF BOTH SIDES AGREE TO THE
PROPOSAL." IN THE SECOND NK STATEMENT, NK ADDED "THERE
IS NO BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOUR PROPOSAL AND OURS."

B) NK ACCEPTED MINIMUM POSITION ON GUARDPOSTS BUT
HAS FLATLY REJECTED OUR PROPOSAL FOR INTERMIM
REMOVAL OF NK GUARD POSTS.

C) NK HAS STATED THE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL INCLUDE
PROVISIONS FOR:

- 1) REMOVAL OF GUARDPOSTS
- 2) SECURITY PERSONNEL WILL NOT CROSS MDL

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3) UNARMED PERSONNEL WILL HAVE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT
THROUGHOUT JSA.

2. FURTHER, NK POSTURE WAS GENERALL BUSINESSLIKE
AND ON-PROPAGANDISTIC, HOWEVER NK SHOWED SOME ANGER
AT CLOSE OF MEEGING WHEN WE REITERATED OUR PROPOSAL FOR
IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF GUARD POSTS.

3. NK RESSED HARD FOR IMMEDIATE AGREEMENT TO
MEETING OF SECRETARIES, WHEN WE STATED WE WISHED TO CONSIDER
NK PROPOSALS AND COMMENTS. NK APPEARED MOST ANXIOUS TO
MOVE AHEAD QUICKLY BUT NOT TO POINT OF ACCEPTING PRE CONDITIONS
OF OUR GUARD POSTS.

4. SENIOR PRC MAC REPRESENTATIVE WAS PRESENT FOR
FIRST TIME SINCE AUGUST 18 INCIDENT.

5. MY ESTIMATE FROM ABOVE IS THAT NK HAS ACCEPTED OUR
MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS, SUBJECT TO FURTHER REVIEW OF THEIR
EXACT LANGUAGE. IF THIS REVIEW VERIFIES ABOVE CONDITIONS,
WE ARE IN POSITION TO AGREE IMMEDIATLY TO SECRETARIES
MEETING.
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